

Westwood Manor
CH-151
Charles County, MD
Allen's Fresh vic.
Private

1739

Westwood Manor is a 1 ½ story Flemish bond brick structure with a gambrel roof situated on 30 acres overlooking Allen's Fresh at the headwaters of the Wicomico River. The dwelling is believed to have been built for John Winter after 1739 and extensively remodeled in the Greek Revival-style during the mid-19th century. By the mid-20th century, the house was abandoned and in a state of disrepair. In 1963, the site was completely renovated by its current owner. At this time, a frame Victorian wing that stood on the east elevation was demolished and Victorian-era exterior trim and interior chimney flue were removed. A 1-story gambrel roof kitchen was built in place of the former Victorian wing. The dwelling has a cedar shingle roof and a paved watertable.

Westwood Manor uniquely represents the changing architectural tastes of Charles Countians during the 18th and 19th centuries. Westwood Manor is one of only two known brick 18th century gambrel roof structures to survive in Charles County. Black Friars (CH-42), located nearby on the opposite side of the Wicomico is a similar brick example believed to date from the mid 18th century. The historic setting, on a high bluff overlooking cultivated fields leading to Allen's Fresh, adds to the site's significance.

Inventory No. CH-151

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Westwood Manor

other

2. Location

street and number	10690 Allens Fresh Road	not for publication
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city, town	Newport	X	vicinity
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county Charles

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	Lloyd S. Bowling, Sr.
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street and number	10690 Allens Fresh Road	telephone	301-934-4130
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city, town	Charlotte Hall	state	MD	zip code	20622
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4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 74 p.43

city, town	La Plata	liber	172	folio	490
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5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category		Ownership		Current Function		Resource Count	
						Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	district	<input type="checkbox"/>	public	<input type="checkbox"/>	agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	private	<input type="checkbox"/>	commerce/trade	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	both	<input type="checkbox"/>	defense	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	site			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	domestic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	object			<input type="checkbox"/>	education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	funerary	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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				<input type="checkbox"/>	health care		<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	industry		<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	landscape		<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	recreation/culture		<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	religion		<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	social		<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	transportation		<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	work in progress		<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	unknown		<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	vacant/not in use		<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	other:		<input type="checkbox"/>
						Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
						1	

7. Description

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Condition

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The dwelling faces south and includes a five bay first floor front elevation sheltered by a shed roof porch supported by five solid wood Ionic columns. Four pedimented dormers pierce the roof. The current doorway occupies the second bay. Windows on this as well as the opposite elevation are 6/6 wood sash.

The west gable end includes a two-story porch with four staved first and second story Ionic columns. This elevation has a stucco-over-brick finish. Single offset exterior doors are found on this elevation. The northwest elevation includes three existing first floor bays along with evidence of a previous door and window that were bricked in during the mid-19th century renovation.

The interior was completely gutted at the time of the 1963 renovation with the exception of the Greek Revival stair that features a massive turned and reeded newel. A mid-19th century hand-grained wood door also survives and has been preserved and reused in the kitchen addition.

The restoration of the dwelling and the existing conditions at the time were accurately recorded by Louise Boone Turner in her thesis entitled "A Maryland Manor in Transition". Although many details that might reveal the architectural evolution of the structure are obscured by finished surfaces, Turner recorded many details regarding construction including the presence of a tilted false plate secured with locust pins. (1)

Endnotes

(1) A copy of Turner's dissertation "A Maryland Manor in Transition" is available at the College of Southern Maryland, Southern Maryland Studies Center in La Plata.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1739;c. 1850

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1739; c. 1850

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Westwood Manor was first patented in 1651 by Thomas Gerard, but the existing structure is believed to have been erected in 1739 for John Winter. In the mid-19th century the dwelling was expanded and updated in the Greek Revival style presumably by members of the Jameson family. Despite substantial alterations both in the 19th and 20th centuries, Westwood Manor remains one of a few surviving examples of the regionally distinctive room behind room plan found in Charles County during the 18th century. A notable example constructed with a wood frame rather than brick is the Exchange CH-299 NRE. Black Friars CH-42, located nearby on the opposite side of the Wicomico is a similar brick example. The well-preserved historic setting, on a high bluff overlooking cultivated fields leading to Allen's Fresh, adds to the site's significance.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 30

Acreage of historical setting unknown

Quadrangle name Popes Creek

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The dwelling known as Westwood Manor is currently associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 74, Parcel 43.

11. Form Prepared By

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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville MD 21032
410-514-7600

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

Date: 8/2002

North arrow:



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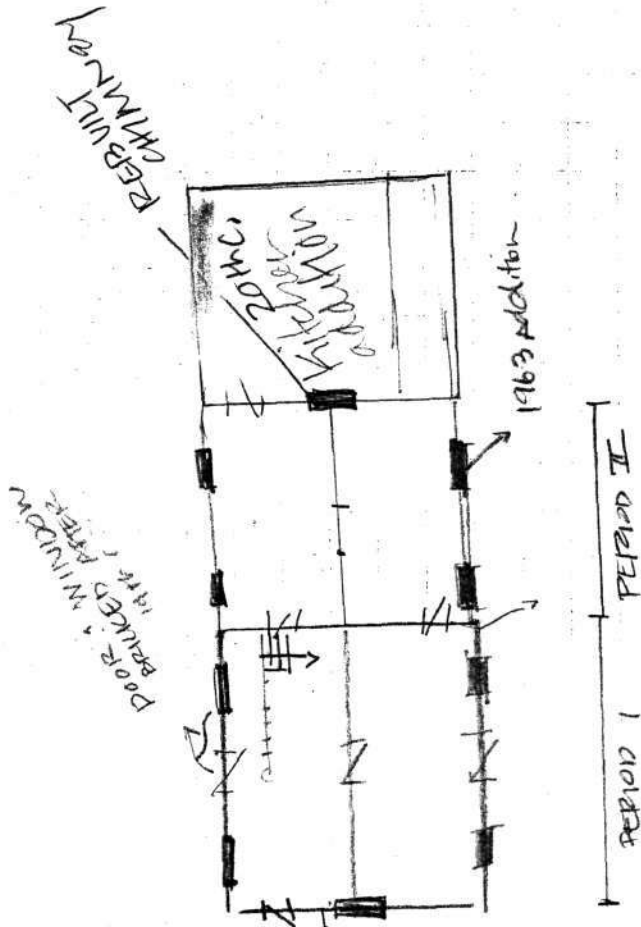
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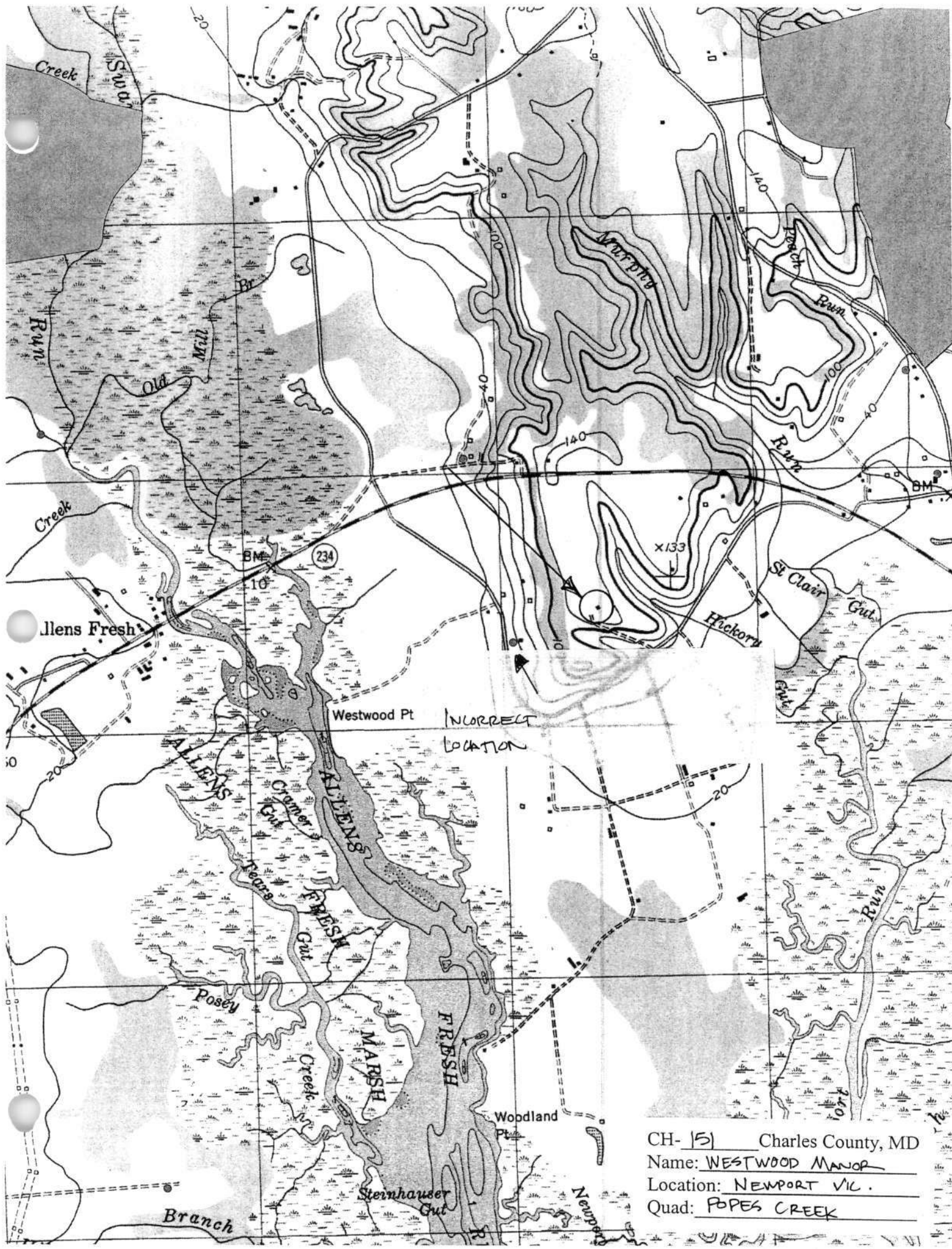
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Charles County, Maryland

NEWPORT

☒ Vicinity





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Location: NEWPORT VIC.
Quad: POPES CREEK



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SOUTH ELEVATION
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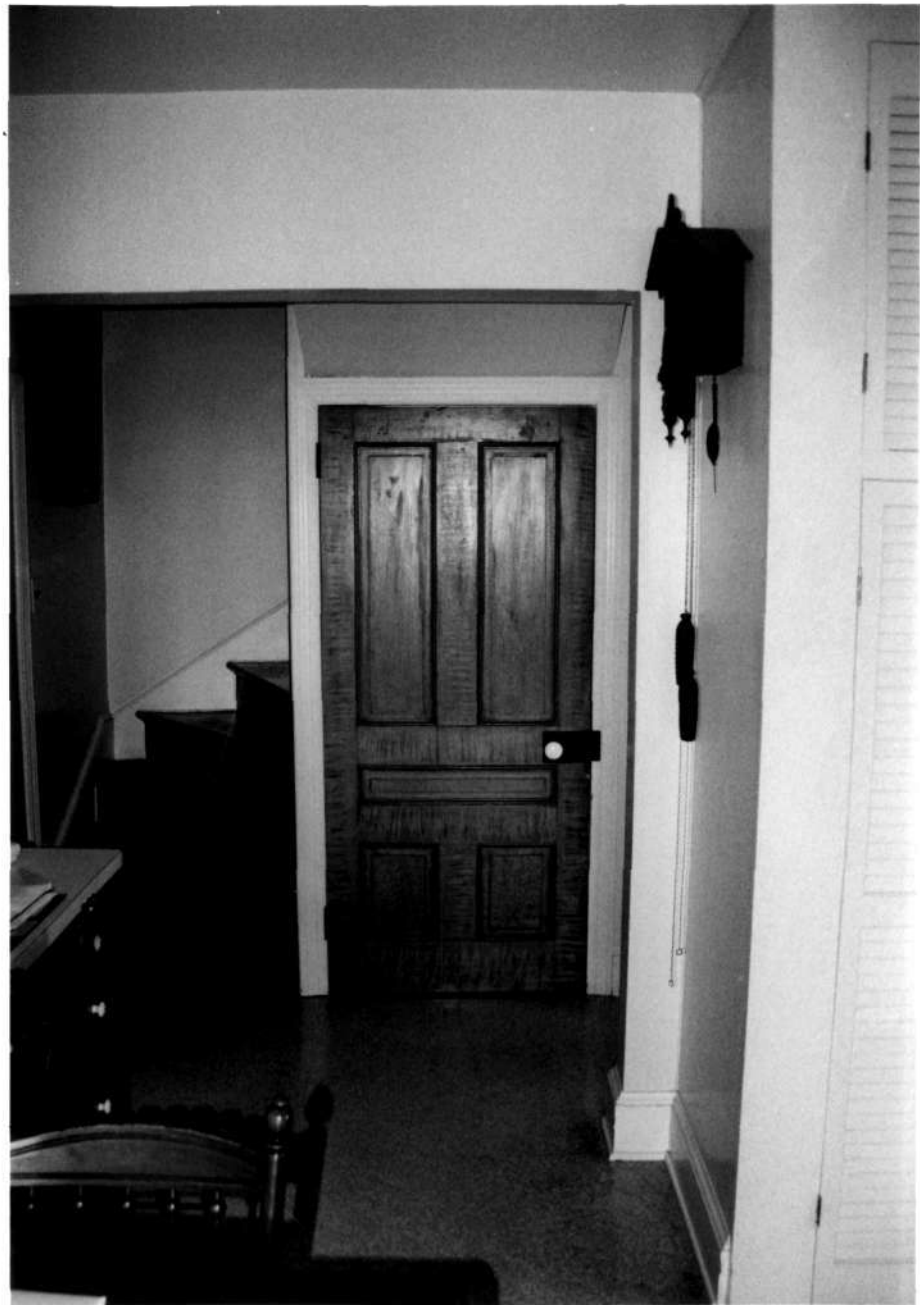
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DOOR DETAIL

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Newport
Private

mid 18th century

This manor was granted to Sir Thomas Gerard in 1651. Although records refer to the members of the Gerard family as residing at Westwood Manor, the main section of the present structure is believed to have been built by John Winter, who acquired the property in 1739. It is possible that an earlier structure was incorporated.

The brick main house is of one-story height beneath a broad gambrel roof with dormers. Enclosed within the west gable wall is a single chimney. The existing east exterior chimney is a total reconstruction. The floor plan consists of two front rooms, a rear stair hall, and a room on the back. The interior woodwork on the first floor displays dentil moldings projecting beneath the cornices over the windows and doors.

The most distinctive exterior feature is the west end which is stuccoed and possesses a galleried Federal porch of delicate proportions and detail. The north and south brick walls are of Flemish bond pattern with salt glazed headers.

A servant's quarter is near the main house. It is frame and consists of a single room downstairs with a fireplace. A narrow enclosed stairway leads to an upstairs room with no windows. An exterior chimney is constructed mostly of pieces of brick.



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